

Wed. Nov. 12-69

CAPE KENNEDY

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Trouble at Cape Kennedy - as you no doubt have heard
by now. Space workers ^{have} ~~found~~ a leak ~~today~~ in a jacket
covering one of the Apollo-Twelve's liquid hydrogen tanks.
Thereby setting the stage - for a race against the clock; a
race to replace the tank - hopefully - in time for Friday's
scheduled start of this second moon-landing mission.

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If they win - fine and dandy. If not - the flight
would probably be set back - at least to Sunday. And
failing that - all the way to December. Space officials
explaining it would take that long - before the earth, moon
and sun would again be properly lined up for the moon
mission.

In the meantime though, a space agency spokesman saying
simply: "We're going to try to make it."

BU FRANG-DUC LAP

In Vietnam - Communist gunners blasted a pair of
Green Beret camps - in simultaneous shelling attacks today
near the Cambodian border. One of the targets ^{again -} - Bu Prang;
the other ^{-- nearby} - Duc Lap. ~~about twenty miles away. The pattern~~
~~continuing a series of periodic attacks in the same area,~~
~~over the past month or so.~~ According to U.S. intelligence ^{this}
^{seems to be} the prelude to another enemy offensive - expected to coincide
with anti-war demonstrations this weekend ^{here in the USA.} ~~back in the States.~~

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WASHINGTON FOLLOW BU PRANG-DUC LAP

Speaking of which - the first of an expected nine thousand Army and Marine troops - began arriving today in Washington. If needed, these to assist Federal forces regularly assigned to the capital - ~~to~~ preserving order during ~~the~~ anti-war demonstrations. However, both sides were ^{saying} ~~expressing confidence~~ the protest will be non-violent, ~~and~~ ~~let's hope so.~~

NEW DELHI

New Delhi - a government crisis tonight. The result of a vote - by the conservative "old guard" of India's ruling Congress Party; a vote expelling from party membership - India's Prime Minister Madame Indira Gandhi. The "syndicate" - as it's called - also calling for the election of a new party leader - and thus a new premier.

Only trouble - Madame Gandhi refuses to give in to the party bosses. Instead, declaring their action - "illegal and invalid;" even as hundreds of demonstrators were converging on her headquarters - in a spontaneous demonstration of support. Madame Gandhi now soliciting votes - both within and without the Congress Party; girding herself for a Parliamentary showdown - that *will decide once and for all between the old and the new.*

~~can be avoided apparently no longer.~~

VATICAN

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At the Vatican - Rome - Pope Paul today ~~embraced~~
a principle
~~three recommendations~~ - recently put forward by that World
Synod of Bishops. *in so doing,* ~~Thereby~~ clearing the way for a "dialogue"
within the church - which he called an "excellent thing."
However, the Pontiff said he would never share his authority
- to such an extent as to let it become "faint-hearted and
irresponsible." Adding, in effect, that Catholics are free
to criticize the Papacy - but they must not disobey it.

BISHOPS FOLLOW VATICAN

At the same time - a meeting of some two hundred U.S. Catholic bishops today in Washington. The churchmen voting to issue a statement - reaffirming the age-old rule of priestly celibacy. Significantly though, the final tally showed sixty-eight of those present - voting against the statement. The bulk of these said to favor celibacy - only on an optional basis.

HOLDUP

New York again - another Brink's-type holdup today.

With three gunmen forcing their way into a Wells Fargo armored truck - carrying the day's receipts from Aqueduct Race Track. Tossing their loot into a waiting car - and then making good their getaway. Aqueduct officials later setting the loss - at One-point-Four Million in cold cash.

HELSINKI

From Helsinki - an announcement today setting up procedures for U.S. and Soviet disarmament talks - set to be held in Helsinki. There were three pilots in the cockpit of our plane on our flight this time across the Pacific, and the first meeting to be held in Finland's Government Banquet House; with working sessions later - alternating between the U.S. and Russian Embassies.

By the way, the parley has been formally titled - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks; or SALT - for short. However, the two sides are said to have assured each other - they won't be rubbing salt on old wounds.

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MICRONESIA

Last night I mentioned how some of our veteran Trans-Pacific pilots have decided that Fiji is to be their Shangri La. There were three pilots in the cockpit of our plane on our flight this time across the Pacific, and the youngest, Lane Smith, said if he ever wanted to get away from it all he'd head for Micronesia. He said big jets now fly three times a week from Tokyo to Guam and that half of all the passengers are newlyweds. Guam the world's No. 1 honeymoon island.

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KENILWORTH

This next - from Warwick University at Kenilworth, England; where the student body was up in arms today - over a new school policy assigning cleaning women to "undercover work."

The charladies' job - specifically - to check for, quote, "bedroom irregularities." In other words - boys and girls together. And this - according to the students - clearly an invasion of privacy.

However, the university refuses to budge. A school official further defending the new spy policy - on the grounds that "cleaners are the people closest to the students." And that's the latest from Warwick University - where cleanliness is truly next to goodness.

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